

What is Claimed:

1. A decorative cover for a flower pot having an outer peripheral surface and containing a floral grouping, the decorative cover comprising:

a flexible sleeve having an upper end, a lower end, an inner peripheral surface, an outer peripheral surface, an inner retaining space for receiving the flower pot, and perforations at preselected areas, the flexible sleeve formed of a polymeric material having at least a portion of one surface thereof modified to provide a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth whereby at least a portion of one of the inner and outer peripheral surfaces of the sleeve has a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth, the flexible sleeve being positionable about the flower pot such that when the flower pot is disposed in the inner retaining space of the flexible sleeve, a lower portion of the flexible sleeve closely surrounds and encompasses the flower pot and an upper portion of the flexible sleeve extends upwardly from the flower pot and substantially surrounds and encompasses the floral grouping contained within the flower pot, the upper portion of the flexible sleeve being removable from the lower portion of the flexible sleeve along the perforations, the sleeve having a bonding material disposed upon a portion of at least one of the inner

peripheral surface and the outer peripheral surface thereof for holding overlapping portions of the sleeve in a crimped position adjacent the flower pot.

2. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein the lower end of the flexible sleeve is closed.

3. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein the perforations on the flexible sleeve are vertical perforations and circumferential perforations.

4. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein the flexible sleeve is provided with a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mil.

5. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein the flexible sleeve further comprises two or more layers of polymeric material wherein at least a portion of one surface of one of the layers of polymeric material is modified to provide such layer of polymeric material with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

6. The decorative cover of claim 5 wherein the two or more layers of polymeric material are laminated.

7. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein the flexible sleeve is provided with a printed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces thereof which provides the sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

8. The decorative cover of claim 7 wherein the flexible sleeve is further provided with an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces thereof which cooperates with the printed pattern to provide the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

9. The decorative cover of claim 8 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern and the embossed pattern are in registry.

10. The decorative cover of claim 8 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern and the embossed pattern are out of registry.

11. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein the flexible sleeve is further provided with an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces thereof which provides the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

12. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the lower portion of the flexible sleeve is modified to provide the lower portion of the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

13. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the upper portion of the flexible sleeve is modified to provide the upper portion of the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

14. The decorative cover of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the upper portion of the flexible sleeve and at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the lower portion of the flexible sleeve are modified to provide the upper and lower portions of the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

15. A plant package, comprising:

a flower pot having an outer peripheral surface, the flower pot containing
a floral grouping;

a flexible sleeve having an upper end, a lower end, an inner peripheral surface, an outer peripheral surface, an inner retaining space for receiving the flower pot, and perforations at preselected areas, the flexible sleeve formed of a polymeric material having an upper surface and a lower surface where at least a portion of one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the polymeric material is modified to provide a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth whereby at least one of the inner peripheral surface and the outer peripheral surface of the sleeve has a texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth, the flexible sleeve being positionable about the flower pot such that a lower portion of the flexible sleeve closely surrounds and encompasses the flower pot and an upper portion of the flexible sleeve extends upwardly from the flower pot, the upper portion of the flexible sleeve being removable from the lower portion of the flexible sleeve along the perforations, the sleeve having a bonding material disposed upon a portion of at least one of the inner peripheral surface and the outer peripheral surface thereof for holding overlapping portions of the sleeve in a crimped position adjacent the flower pot; and

wherein the flower pot is disposed within the inner retaining space of the flexible sleeve such that the lower portion of the flexible sleeve is positioned adjacent the flower pot and the upper portion of the flexible sleeve extends upwardly from the flower pot and substantially surrounds and encompasses the floral grouping contained within the flower pot, and wherein the flexible sleeve is crimped about at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the flower pot thereby causing portions of the flexible sleeve to overlap, the bonding material engaging the overlapped portions so as to bond the overlapped portions together and bind the sleeve in a position about the flower pot such that when the upper portion of the flexible sleeve is detached from the lower portion of the flexible sleeve along the perforations, the lower portion of the flexible sleeve remains disposed about the flower pot and forms a decorative cover which substantially surrounds and encompasses the flower pot.

16. The plant package of claim 15 wherein the lower end of the flexible sleeve is closed.

17. The plant package of claim 15 wherein the perforations on the flexible sleeve are vertical perforations and circumferential perforations.

18. The plant package of claim 15 wherein the flexible sleeve is provided with a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil to about 30 mil.

19. The plant package of claim 15 wherein the flexible sleeve further comprises two or more layers of polymeric material wherein at least a portion of one surface of one of the layers of polymeric material is modified to provide such layer of polymeric material with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

20. The plant package of claim 19 wherein the two or more layers of polymeric material are laminated.

21. The plant package of claim 15 wherein the flexible sleeve is provided with a printed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces thereof which provides the sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

22. The plant package of claim 21 wherein the flexible sleeve is further provided with an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces thereof which cooperates with the printed pattern to provide the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

23. The plant package of claim 22 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern and the embossed pattern are in registry.

24. The plant package of claim 22 wherein at least a portion of the printed pattern and the embossed pattern are out of registry.

25. The plant package of claim 15 wherein the flexible sleeve is further provided with an embossed pattern disposed on at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces thereof which provides the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

26. The plant package of claim 15 wherein at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the lower portion of the flexible sleeve is modified to provide the lower portion of the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

27. The plant package of claim 15 wherein at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the upper portion of the flexible sleeve is modified to provide the upper portion of the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.

28. The plant package of claim 15 wherein at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the upper portion of the flexible sleeve and at least a portion of one of the outer and inner peripheral surfaces of the lower portion of the flexible sleeve are modified to provide the upper and lower portions of the flexible sleeve with the texture or appearance simulating the texture or appearance of cloth.